PROTECTION—Police.

(Nos. 58 to 60.)

SUBJECT No. 58.

Prohibition of Beluchi gangs from entering the State.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Beluchi gangs are not real traders. They do not bring any fresh merchandise. They buy locks, cutlery etc., in local shops and sell them to the public at high prices. They also give much trouble to the people and prove dangerous to villagers. They pick quarrels and rob people. A single constable who is deputed to watch the gangs cannot keep them from doing mischief. Such gangs may therefore be prohibited from entering our State. If this is impracticable, they may be split up into small groups and more Police set over them. This will prevent their looting. They may be settled in some places.

Reply of Government.—Existing rules are comprehensive. Not more than 2 or 3 families are allowed to go together. The suggestion about dividing them into small groups and setting more Police on them is noted.

SUBJECT No. 59.

A settlement for criminal tribes and habitual offenders.

Rao Saheb B. Venkataswami Naidu, Bangalore Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—The tendency to return again and again to crime as a means of livelihood is due to environment and bad association. When employment is found and a moderate degree of comfort is assured the criminal will realise that he is free from care, and he will thus be placed beyond temptation to relapse into crime. It is therefore requested that a settlement for criminal tribes and habitual offenders may be established.

Such settlements in British India are working satisfactorily under the guidance of the Salvation Army. By this, crime will be reduced and Government will be saved the expense of the criminals in jails. Societies for the aid of released prisoners are started in other places. Mysore may also start such societies.

Reply of Government.—Reformatory for juvenile offenders, and societies for the aid of released prisoners are already under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 60.

The Juvenile Smoking Prevention Regulation.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah, Mysore Lingayat Education Fund Association, Bangalore.

Summary of Discussion.—The Regulation for the prevention of juvenile smoking may be strictly enforced in all parts of Mysore. The vice is rather common. Elders should set example and as they cannot be punished, the regulation may be enforced in all places.

Reply of Government.—Prosecutions are very few. Request is noted.

PROTECTION—(Public Health and Sanitation.)

(Nos. 61 to 63.)

SUBJECT No. 61.

Abolition of the post of Sanitary Inspectors for Sub-Taluks.

Mr. T. G. Nagappa, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

Mr. T. G. Nagappa represented that, as the income of the Sub-Taluk Boards was not adequate even for the carrying out of works, they could not afford to employ separate Sanitary Inspectors. He therefore suggested that the Taluk Boards of Sub-Taluks should not be compelled to employ separate Sanitary Inspectors.

The Second Member of Council pointed out that it